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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: April 29-The next KCDXC meeting will be a LIVE meeting at the JOCO Library, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park KS, 66212. Start: 6:30pm. Zoom meeting is available also.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT NEXT MEETING- Nominations for KCDXC President will be accepted at the April Meeting. Voting will be electronic(email) as in the past. Reminder: only paid up members will be allowed to vote in the upcoming elections.

SEND IN YOUR 2024 KCDXC DUES-

Dues can be paid by Paypal. Go to KCDXC web page and click link: "Membership" on the menu followed by "Join." On the Join page are instructions to pay by check or Paypal. **DESPITE WHAT PEOPLE THINK, IT IS EASY TO JOIN THE KCDXC!**



"Excuse me sir, I want to become a DXer."

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	353	236		227	55	2382
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K3PA	352	350	351	327		195	36	2754
N0CWR	350	350	350	326	985	207	101	2933
NX0I	350	349	347	271		211	6	2522
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112	36	2641
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
AC0A	348	321	348	221	888	25	15	2295
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
KS0DX	347	324	337	225	360	107		2516
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
K0GY	344	342	344	292			5	2316
K0XM	339	313	283	288	116	130	31	2052
KB0X	336							
W0QQ	335	262	332	271	151	119	43	2127
WA0WOF	335							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W4DTA	334	277	304	148	275	49	84	1471
K0THN	334	322	288	193	243	1		1929
K4SX	331	280	320	187		52	82	1773
W0MB	329	255	326	285		45		1849
K0UR	323							
NB0J	319	249	307	116				852
AC0C	315	306	269	250	359	130	3	2037
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
K0IZ	300		300					
N9GB	289							
AD0K	288	260	104	205	238	57	11	1203
N0EG	284	231	189	169		33	14	1013
NS0D	271	214	134	179	161	3	2	1002
AI60	263	237	200	171		20	10	1027
W0XE	248	216	193	14				832
W0DR	229	30	174	70		10	7	622
K0RAR	196	27	57	192	194	24	13	1067
W0ZAP	187	40	76	164		21	5	698
N0RC	186	42	52	177	110	3	3	788
W0HL	112	30	53	97		5	8	300

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions. NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.

February 26, 2024

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

The February 2024 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by Vice President Lee Ward, K0LW, at 6:30pm CDT. The meeting was conducted in the Johnson County Central Resource Library Branch, Logan Conference Room and on Zoom. Tom, NM0N, did a good job of running the Zoom portion. He has graciously volunteered to be the Audio/Visual coordinator.

Because I have not been feeling well, the minutes will be abbreviated somewhat this month. (Secy.)

Agenda

1. Member reports
2. Nominations for new president as Chuck Kraly, K0XM, has declined the office.
3. DXpeditions and Contests
4. Zoom Link Always Up
5. Dues
6. Comments and next meeting

Member Reports

There were 26 members in attendance on Zoom and in person.

Most reports referred to the recent ARRL DX CW contest. Most notable was Dragan, K0AP, who reported 1500 QSOs, all on ten meters. Mike, AB0X, reported 101 QRP QSOs, on ten meters.

I think it was Mike, W0MB, who reported he had purchased a

MORTTY V5 CW and RTTY Keyer.

Currently \$60 but website says sold out.

mortty.net



Appeal for President and volunteer positions

V.P., Lee, K0LW, appealed again for nominations

for the vacant office of president. Lee, K0LW, nominated Dragan, K0AP. He gracefully declined. We still need a volunteer. -K0THN

KCDXC PILE UP CONTEST IS READY TO ROLL!!

K0VBU, W0ZAP, and K0VXU report that the Dayton Tradition of the annual CW Pile Up Contest is ready to rock Dayton one more time. Be at Hope Hotel, Wright Patterson AFB on Saturday night of Hamvention weekend.

KCDXC TRIVIA QUIZ- BY ABØX
THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION???

***Which of these KCDXC members never was a President of the KCDXC???

A. KØTLM B. KØCS C. KBØX D. NXØI ? ***

BONUS QUESTION: In what building downtown, KC, MO, did the KCDXC hold meetings in the mid 1970-80's?

Send in your answers to ab0x@kc.rr.com .

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ-

WHAT KCDXC MEMBER ACTUALLY BUILT THE FIRST GODZILLA AMPLIFIER??

Answer: WBØUXI, Larry Mills, the Sultan of the flea market at Hara Arena. Jim, KBØX submitted the correct answer to last month's question.

BONUS QUESTION: WHAT COMMERCIAL AMP WAS USED TO DRIVE GODZILLA???

UXI used a Drake L-7 amp to drive Godzilla.

DXCC CARD CHECKING

If you need QSL cards checked for any ARRL award, the KCDXC has two certified ARRL card checkers. KØLW and ABØX both are available to check cards before KCDXC meetings. Please email in advance so the two checkers can plan on arriving early to complete their QSL chores before the meeting starts. Contact Lee at k0lw160@gmail.com or K0LW@arrl.net . Contact Mike at ab0x@kc.rr.com .



DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

OPERATING TIP #8:

There are several KCDXC members who earned 9 Band DXCC before the DX Clusters existed. I know it sounds hard to be believe, but we did it by one simple activity: "Sitting in the chair and turning the knob." There's no substitution for this simple activity that used to be the heart of DXing in the past.

Every single day we sat down and tuned the bands! Even if the day was hectic there was always time to take a few minutes and tune across 20 meters. Almost every rare DX station operated on 20 meters, so you could get a feel for DX activity by spinning the dial across both ends of 20 meters. If your time was really limited, 20 meter CW was the place to be! The same is true today, despite cluster spots.

Rare zone 17 stations, Asian stations(JT, VU, 9M8, HS, Middle Easterners, BY, 3W etc.) are in the middle of their day because of time zones differences and are "On the Air."

Spend some time each day turning the knob, and your DXCC totals will improve! -AB0X

JUST IN:



*Jarvis Island N5J 2024 DXpedition
April 17, 2024*

The Dateline DX Association is pleased to announce that due to the increasing interest in our DXpedition to this rare DXCC entity we are adding another local operator to our team.

Please welcome K08SCA, Adrian Ciuperca, to our at-island team. A well known and experienced DXpeditioner, Adrian works as an IT consultant, a much needed component to any remote operation. He is a newly inducted member of the CQ DX Hall of Fame and a YASME award of Excellence winner.

Adrian is a keen DXer with DXCC 318, 9BDXCC, IOTA, as well as being a passionate contester. He competed in WRTC 2018 in Wittenberg, Germany as well as at the 2023 edition of WRTC in Bologna, Italy.

Adrian has taken part in over 30 DXpeditions to destinations including W8S Swains Island, 3Y0J Bouvet Island, J2, Z6, OJ0, VP2V, PJ2, PJ4, A5, ZK3, V8, TX0M/TX0A, 60, 9M0, FJ, FM, J3, J8, VK9C, VK9X, VP5, VP9, and Z2. Recently he has been a guest operator at 4U1UN and HV0A

His preferred operating mode is CW, but he is also active in SSB and digital modes. Adrian is a member of several amateur radio DX and contesting clubs, namely, NCDXF, INDEXA (board director), YCCC, FOC, CWOPS, LIDXA, Order of Boiled Owls of New York, LICWC, NYCDXA, WECA, Araucária DX Group, RRC.

This is an expensive DXpedition to one of the rarest entities that DXers will see in 2024. Please visit our website, www.jarvisisland2024.com and make a donation to help us put this one on the air.

George, AA7JV, and Don, N1DG, for the N5J team.- DE Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW

QST de W1AW

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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT April 11, 2024

To all radio amateurs

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by ZL3GAV, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

VIET NAM, 3W. Alex, KU1CW is QRV as 3W9A and has been active on 15 meters using FT8 around 1800z. QSL to home call.

BHUTAN, A5. Janusz, SP9FIH and Leszek, SP6CIK will be QRV as A52P and A52CI, respectively, from April 19 to May 4. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via Club Log.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. Member of the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will be QRV with special call sign A60WARD from April 15 to 24 in recognition of World Amateur Radio Day. In addition, look for various A60WARD stations to be active with the suffixes /0 to /9 during this time. QSL A60WARD via EA7FTR and all others via operators' instructions.

EASTER ISLAND, CE0. A group of operators will be QRV as CD0Y from April 18 to May 6. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via DJ4MX.

MOROCCO, CN. Special event station CN99HR will be QRV on April 13 and 14 to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day and the 99th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union. QSL direct to CN8RAH.

NIUE, E6. Gavin, ZL3GAV will be QRV as E6SP from April 16 to 28. Activity will be holiday style on 160 to 6 meters using SSB, SSTV, FT8, and FT4 in DXpedition mode, with the possibility of CW and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

LIBERIA, EL. Members of the Czech DXpedition Team are QRV as A80K until April 16. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, FT8, FT4, and on

various Satellites. QSL via OK6DJ.

MAYOTTE, FH. Marek, FH4VVK is QRV as T04VV until April 14. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

AUSTRAL ISLANDS, FO. Jeff, K5WE and Craig, W5CCP will be QRV as TX7W from Rai-vavae, IOTA OC-114, from April 16 to 30. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via K5WE.

HONDURAS, HR. John, AD8J will be QRV as HR9/AD8J from Roatan, IOTA NA-057, beginning April 14. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, FT8, FT4, and possibly SSB. QSL via LoTW.

DENMARK, OZ. Dieter, DF2SD will be QRV as OV9R from Fano Island, IOTA EU-125, on April 13 and 14 for the IG-RY World Wide RTTY Contest. QSL to home call.

BONAIRE, PJ4. TJ, PE10JR will be QRV as PJ4TB from April 13 to 28. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

GREECE, SV. Several operators will be QRV with special call sign SX100D to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Second Hellenic Republic. Activity will be on 160 to 2 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL direct to SV2GWY.

SOMALIA, T5. Alex, IT9HRK plans to be QRV as T5/IT9HRK from Mogadishu. Activity will be in his spare time on 80 to 10 meters using mainly SSB, with some CW, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. He is here for several months. QSL via operator's instructions.

PALAU, T8. Nobu, JA0JHQ will be QRV as T88PB from Koror, IOTA OC-009, from April 12 to 15. This includes being an entry in the Japan International DX CW Contest. QSL direct to home call.

NAMIBIA, V5. Gunter, DK2WH is QRV as V51WH near Omaruru until April 30. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

MICRONESIA, V6. Kevin, N4DVR plans to be QRV as V6DVR until April 20. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL via LoTW.

SERBIA, YU. Members of the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia are QRV with special event stations YT100R and YU100R until December 1 to celebrate 100 years of Amateur Radio in Serbia. QSL via bureau.

Please see April QST, page 76, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

THANKS ARRL DX BULLETIN!

*Send in your shack pictures to the Editor at: ab0x@kc.rr.com
The pics will be featured in the newsletter in coming issues
of the newsletter. -AB0X*

*REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR 2024 DUES TO W0ZAP OR USE THE KCDXC
WEB PAGE AND THE PAYPAL LINK!*

*Stop by and see me at the Hambash, Sat., April 20th. I will be
in the flea market selling some great junk with an emphasis
on rf connectors, coax, 900 mhz antenna, Larson Mag mount and
more. I can check DXCC cards if you bring them along! -AB0X*

KCDXC LEGACY: BEFORE CLUSTER SPOTS & ROTOR NOISE! BY AB0X

In the 1970-80's when many of the older club members of the KCDXC started the quest for the top of the Honor Roll, there was no internet so DXers depended on each other more than today. There were no DX cluster spotting nets around so club members developed "Need Lists" and shared them with other DX friends along with our phone numbers. It was not uncommon to call a DX friend in the middle of the night if something rare showed up on the bands. We gave explicit instructions like: "If ATNO, call and let it ring until answered". If it's a new band slot just do the "one ringer" technique. This would tip off a fellow sleeping club members to get up and get on the radio. For years my XYL believed we had someone playing a prank on us with one ringers in the middle of the night. "Those darn teenagers are at it again!" was used at my house. W0AR and W0JM shared the tactic with us younger guys and it worked great, most of the time, except when someone forgot to call you when something rare came on the air.

The KCDXC also had a 2 meter spotting net on 146.49 simplex. Everyone monitored this 2 meter frequency and had good 2 meter antennas for simplex use. There were some dxers who had xyls who didn't like the sound of the 2 meter rig breaking the squelch at weird hours! One KCDXCer who is now a Silent Key, claimed his first wife complained about strange men talking in her basement all night long as a valid reason for their divorce. She especially didn't like the one club member who sounded drunk all the time. This was AE0K, who was drunk most evenings! Now that is dedication to DX!

We had one club member who could stay up and work DX as late as he wanted as long as he didn't wake his xyl up. He let it slip one night on '49 that he couldn't turn the rotor in the direction of a rare station. Several guys asked the man "Was his rotor not functioning?" This young DXer made the mistake of telling the KCDX group on '49 that when he clicked the brake on his rotor it made a loud clunking sound and would wake his wife up. Well, as soon as he said this, the news spread quickly around town and this DXer heard endless

jokes about the rotor noise for years. Someone in the KCDXC sent this member a pink pair on womens panties with a note about they were appropriate for the guy who obviously didn't wear the "pants" in his household!(To this day, only 2 DXers knew for sure who mailed those pink undies to the deserving guy, and one of those has become a Silent Key.)

KCDX CLUB KEEPING THE DAYTON TRADITION ALIVE!



